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1. EVENTS HAVE NOT STOOD STILL AWAITING THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON MY RECOMMENDATIONS OF MAY 6 AND HAVE, IN FACT, NOW TAKEN AN UNEXPECTED TURN. MY DEFENSE ATTACHE HAS TAKEN IT UPON HIMSELF TO ADVISE THE SWEDES THAT OUR BASIC DEFENSE EXCHANGE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE RENEGOTIATED TO GIVE THIS EMBASSY, SPECIFICALLY THE DAO, INCREASED PARTICIPATION IN THE DATA EXCHANGE PROCESS. THIS IS A CONCLUSION I MYSELF HAVE NOT YET REACHED. FURTHERMORE, I LOOK ASKANCE ON AIRING INTER-AGENCY OR INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES ON THE US SIDE.

2. I HAVE INSTRUCTED THE DATT TO SUBMIT A SEPARATE MESSAGE TO DOD MAKING OUT HIS CASE FOR RENEGOTIATION, AS DISTINGUISHED FROM NEW PROCEDURES IN IMPLEMENTING THE CURRENT BASIC AGREEMENT.

3. THE CURRENT AGREEMENT IS, IN MY OPINION AND IN THE OPINION OF MY DAO, UNDULY FAVORABLE TO THE SWEDES. I WOULD EXPECT THE SWEDISH EMBASSY AND ITS MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON TO SEEK TO BUILD A FIREBREAK AGAINST ANY CHANGE IN THE PRESENT BASIC AGREEMENT OR IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES.

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